

P&amp;G Case 7730R

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :  
T. E. RABE ET AL. : Confirmation No.: 4129  
Serial No.: 09/629,734 : Group Art Unit: 1617  
Filed: July 31, 2000 : Examiner: H. Nguyen  
  
For : ELECTROSTATICALLY-SPRAYABLE :  
TOPICAL COMPOSITIONS HAVING INSULATING :  
EXTERNAL PHASE AND CONDUCTIVE :  
INTERNAL PHASE :

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6.6.02AMENDMENT/RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002, setting a three month period for response. In order that this response is deemed timely, submitted herewith is a petition to extend the period for response one month to May 29, 2002. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

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4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of insulating external phase to conductive internal phase is about 0.2:1 to 8:1.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the insulating external phase has a viscosity of about 10,000 cSt or less.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the insulating material of the external phase is selected from the group consisting of volatile silicones, volatile hydrocarbons, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the composition comprises about 35 weight % or less solids.

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18. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the composition comprises one or more ingredients selected from the group consisting of materials which impart film forming or substantive properties, powders, skin feel ingredients, emulsifiers, and structuring or thickening agents.